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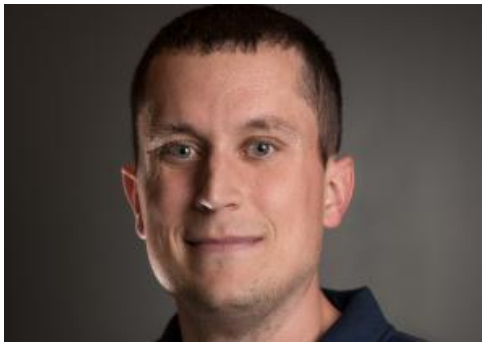

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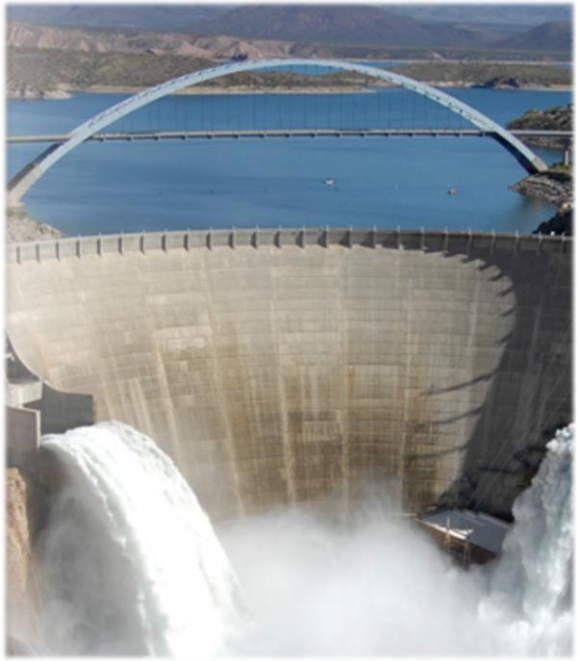

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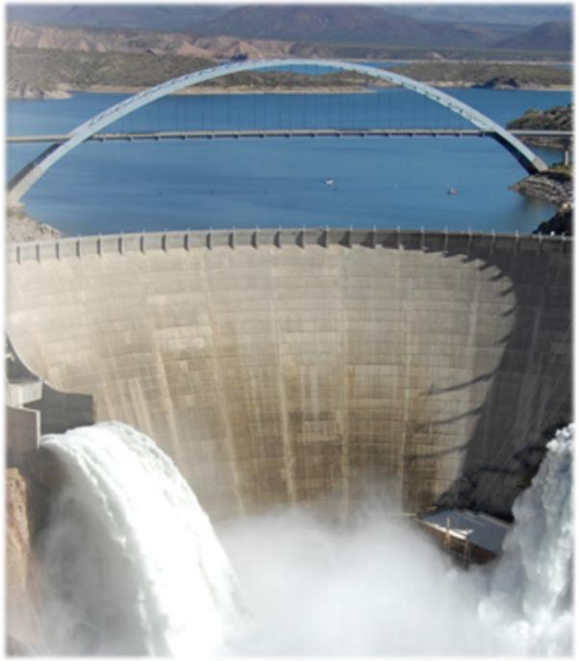

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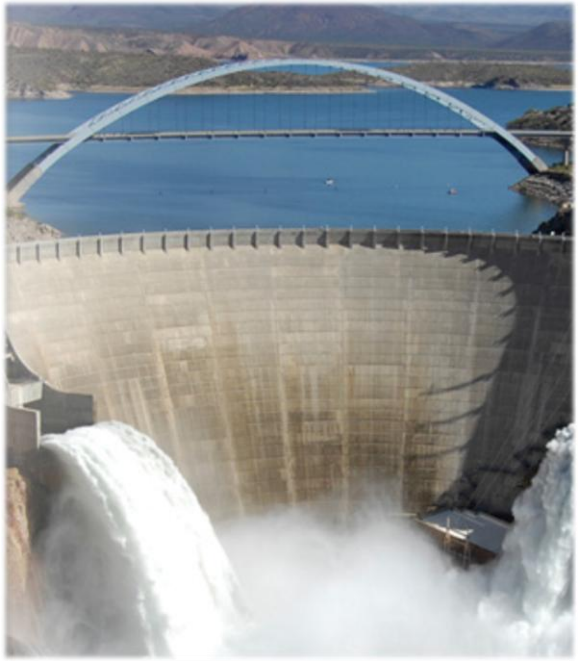

About Dragos

Dragos WorldView
Expertise and knowledge in ICS threat identification and understanding delivered in weekly reports and briefings

Dragos ThreatView
Experienced ICS Threat Hunting, Incident Response, and Training delivered as a service

Dragos Platform
Monitoring system that passively identifies industrial assets, utilizes threat behavior analytics to identify threats, and offers investigation playbooks and workflow automation for Incident Response

Agenda

- 3 Business/Security Challenges
- Integration of PI System and Threat Detection assists with these challenges
- SRP Test implementation (Proof of Concept)
- Solution, Plans, Ideas for future use cases

3 Business/Security Challenges

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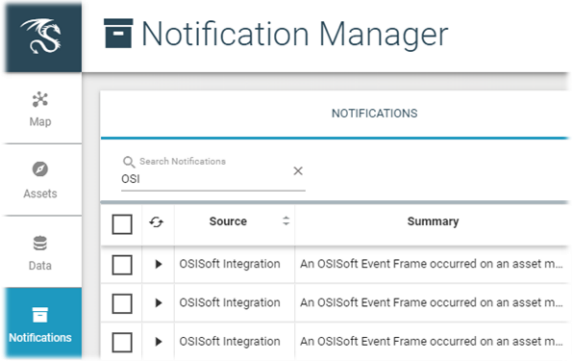
Enhance Cyber Threat detection with PI data



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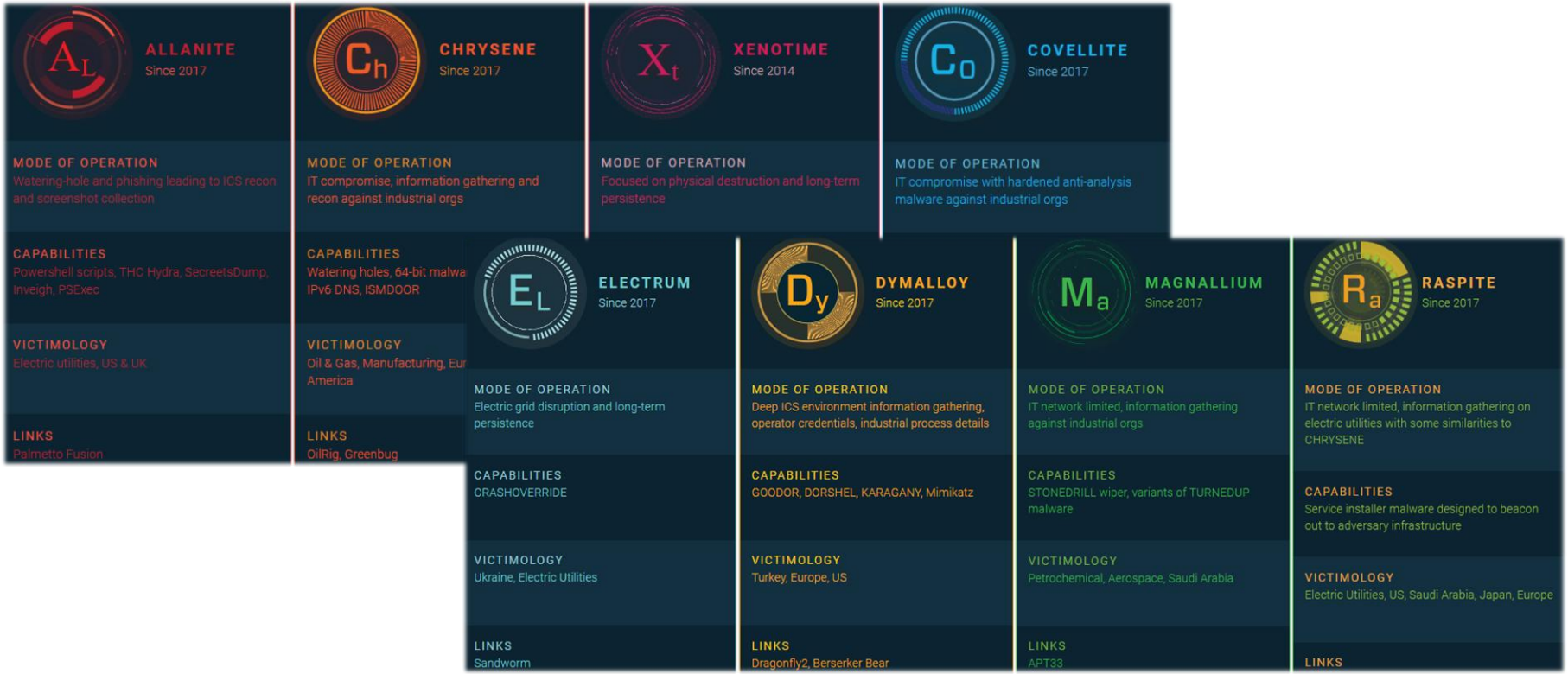
RESULTS

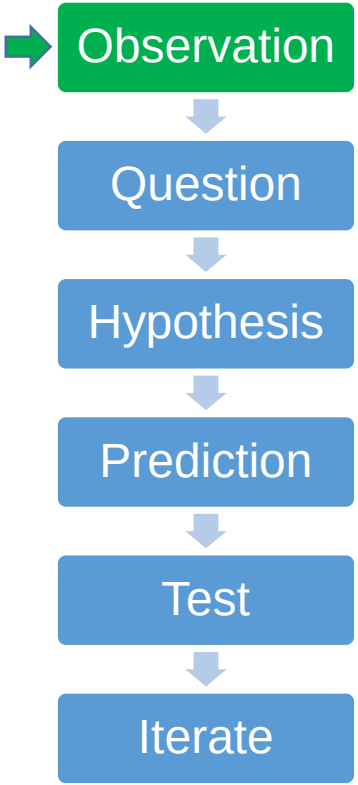
Business Challenge: Eliminate Threat activity as cause of operational upsets

- July 2004 Substation Fire
  - High temps: 111°F/44°C
  - Avg Temps: 101°F/38°C
- Sep 8 2011 San Diego
- July 2018 Transformer bushing

Business Challenge: Preventing Breach



Business Challenge: Incident Response



ICS Events

- German Steel Mill
- Trisis
- Crashoverride (Ukraine 2016) Event
- Ukraine 2015

2015 Ukraine Attack Summary

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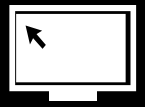
Utilities Attacked

225 K
Customer Outages

3.5 hr
Outage Duration.

135 MW
Load impact



100’s
Server and Workstation Damage

10’s
Field Device Damage

50
Substations Impacted

2016 Ukraine Attack Summary

1

Trans Co. Attacked

TBD

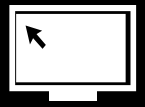
Customer Outages

1.25 hr

Outage Duration.

200 MW

Load impact



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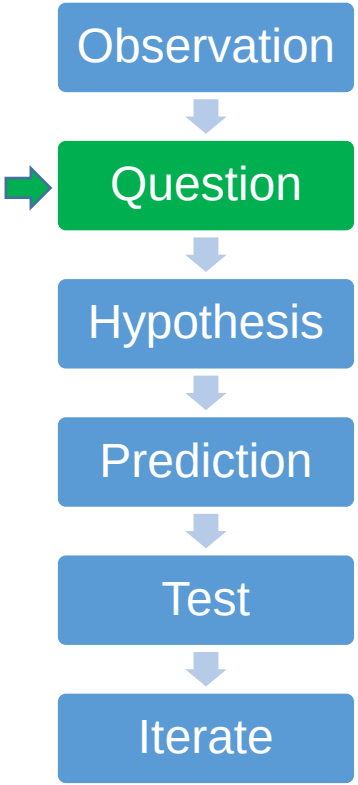
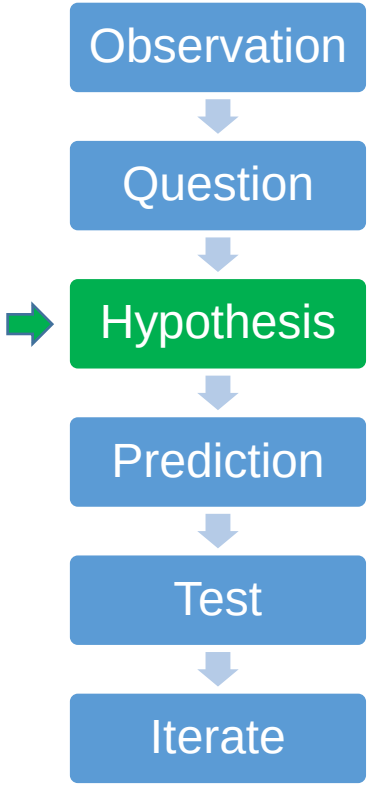
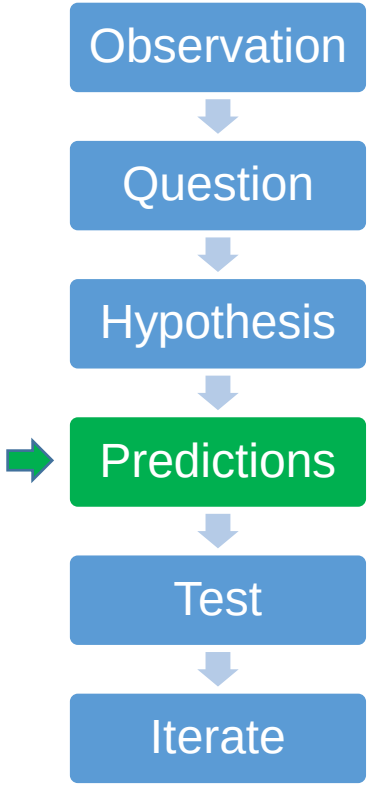


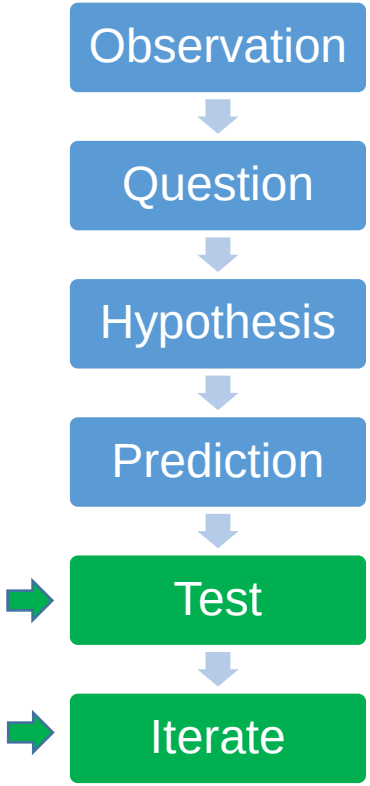
How can we prevent, detect, and respond to a cyber attack at SRP?



Adversary will utilize similar tactics as Electrum during an intrusion and will attempt to open breakers from the EMS system



1. If prevention fails, SRP can detect an adversary who opens a breaker by sending DNP3 operate commands from an abnormal source computer
2. SOC analysts will quickly gather data to prove or disprove cyber attack as the cause of disruption

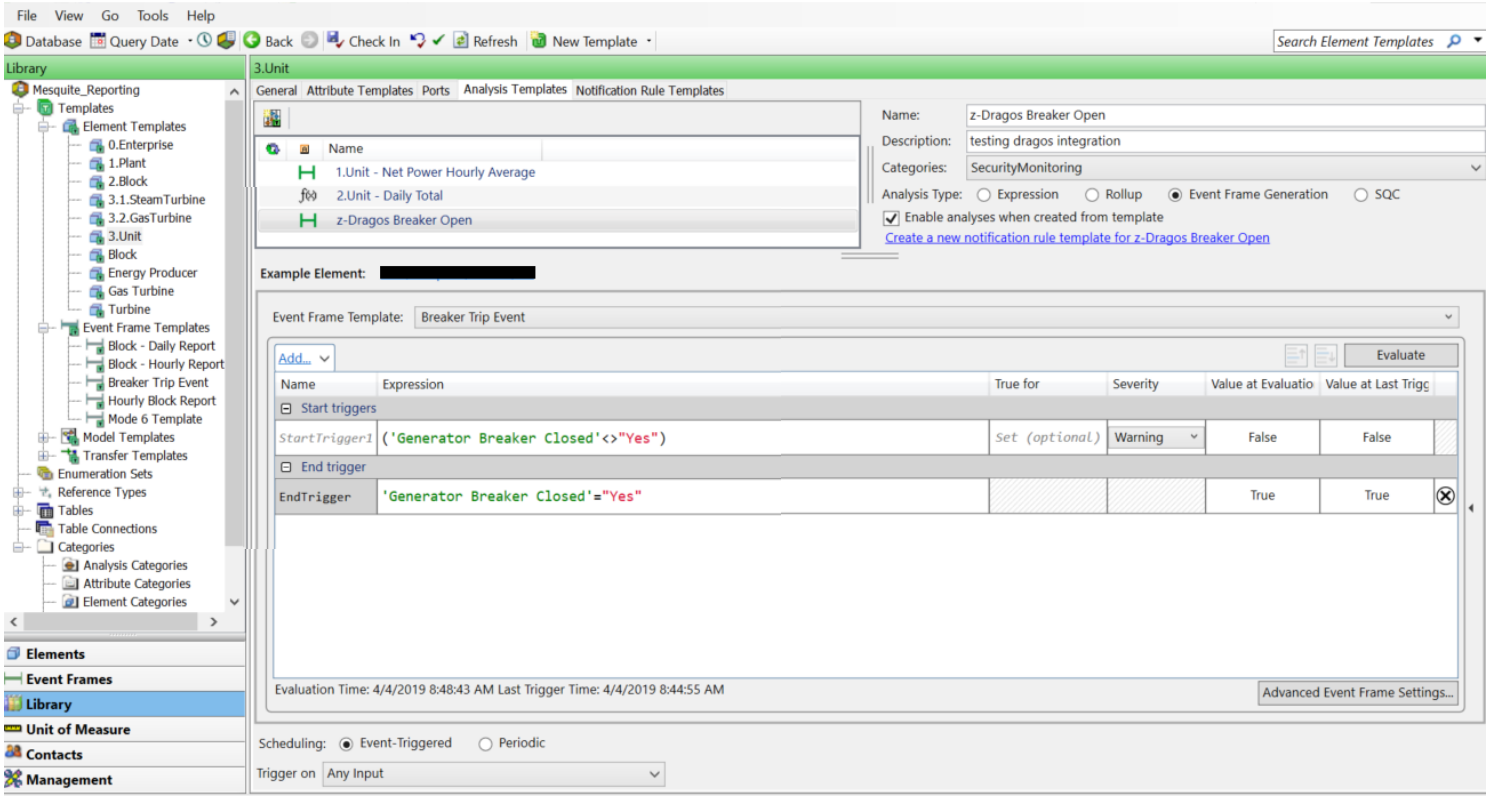


Test: Prevent, Detect, Respond to adversary using	Result
Existing corporate controls	• Prevent: most, but not all, adversaries • Detect: untargeted att&cks • Respond: Slow
Add Threat Focused network monitoring platform	• Prevent: adds active defense capability to prevent att&ck techniques • Detect: targeted att&cks • Respond: Med
Integrate data from PI system	• Respond: Expect Fast but TBD

Integrating: PI + Dragos

Test

Event Frame on breaker open event



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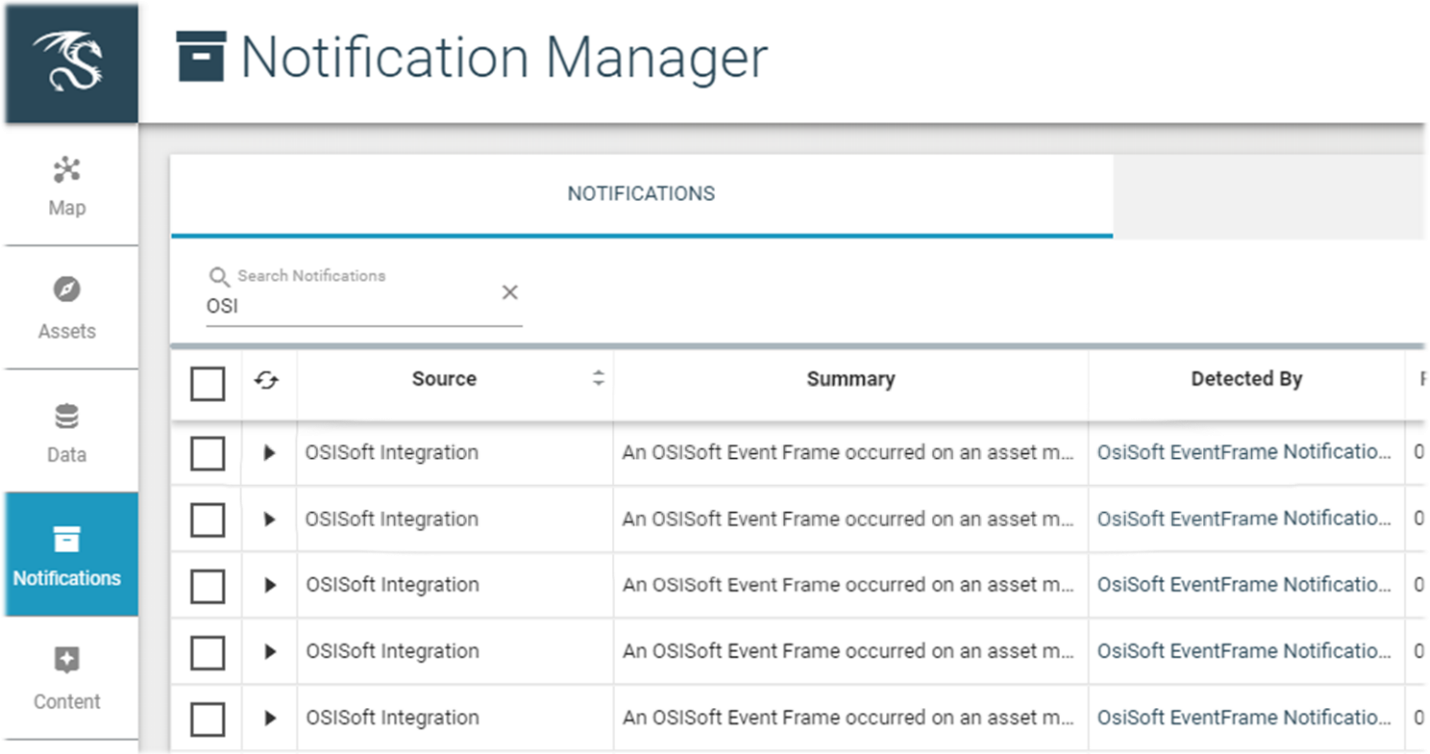

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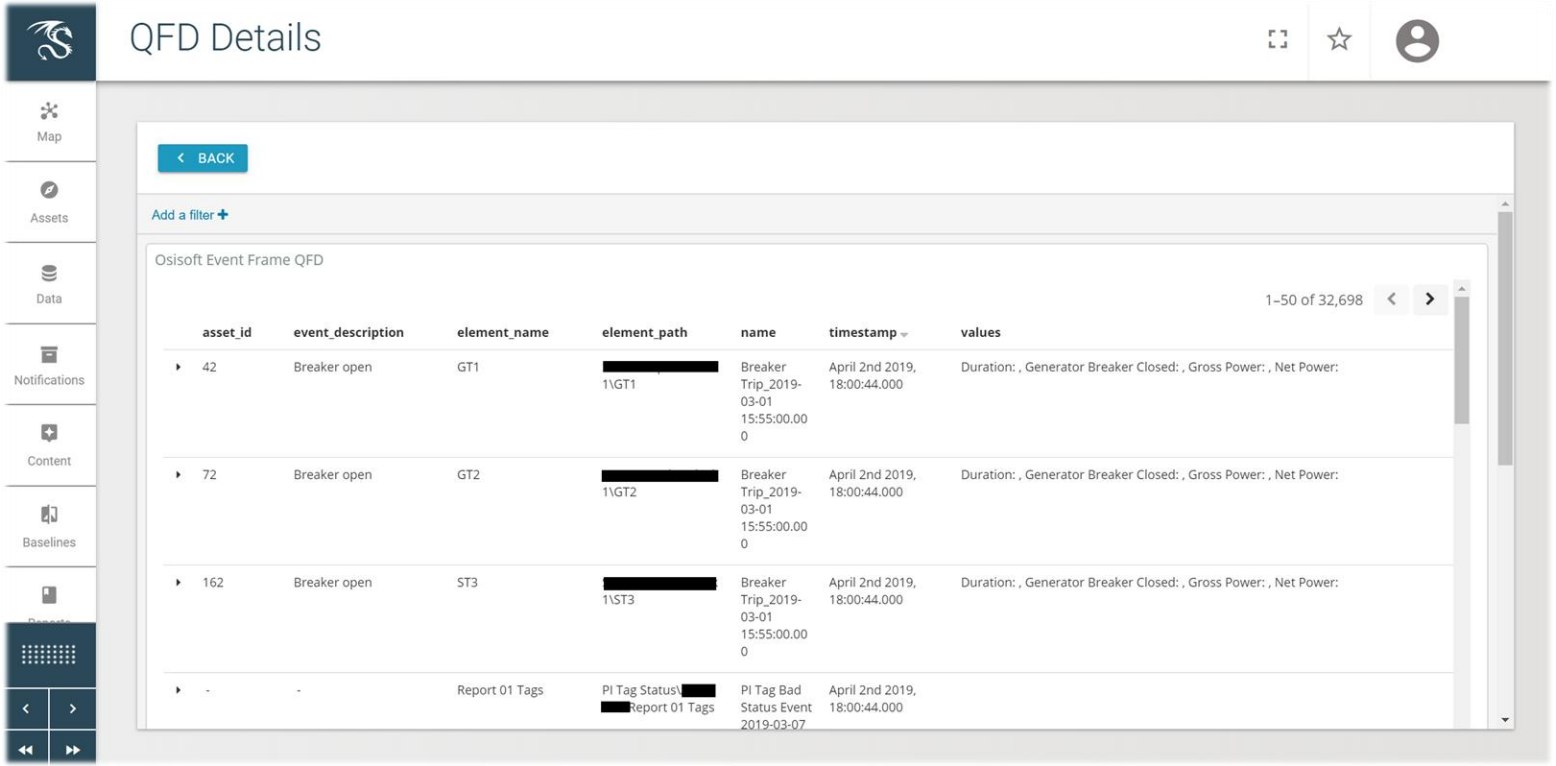

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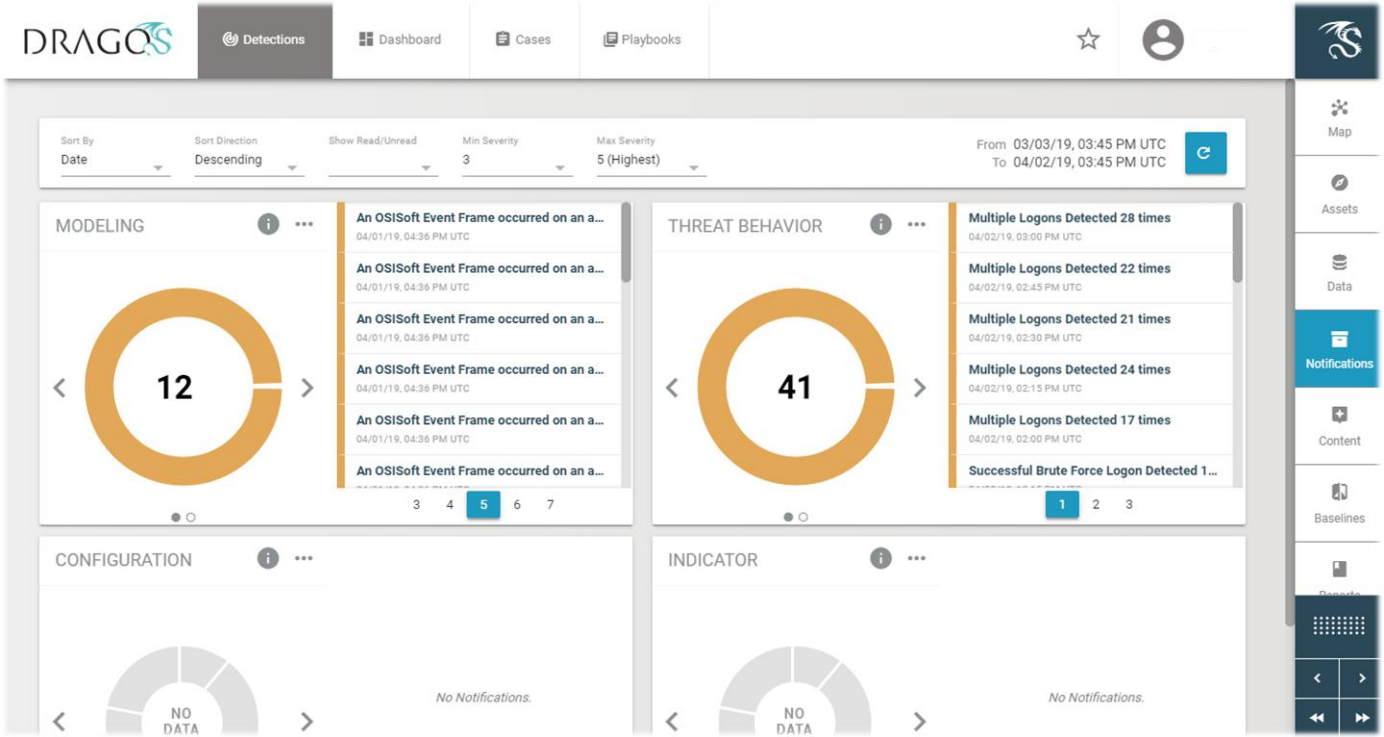
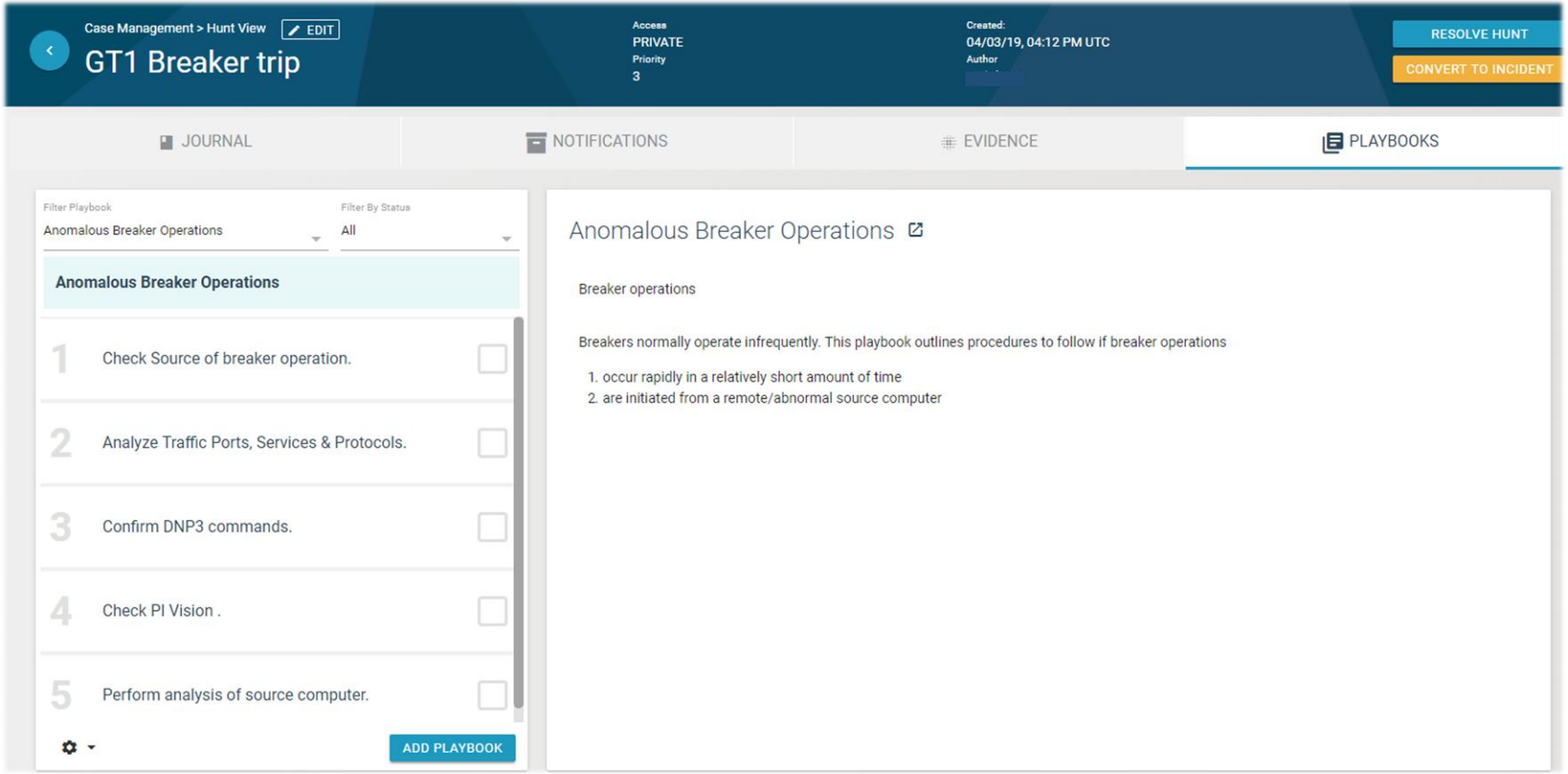
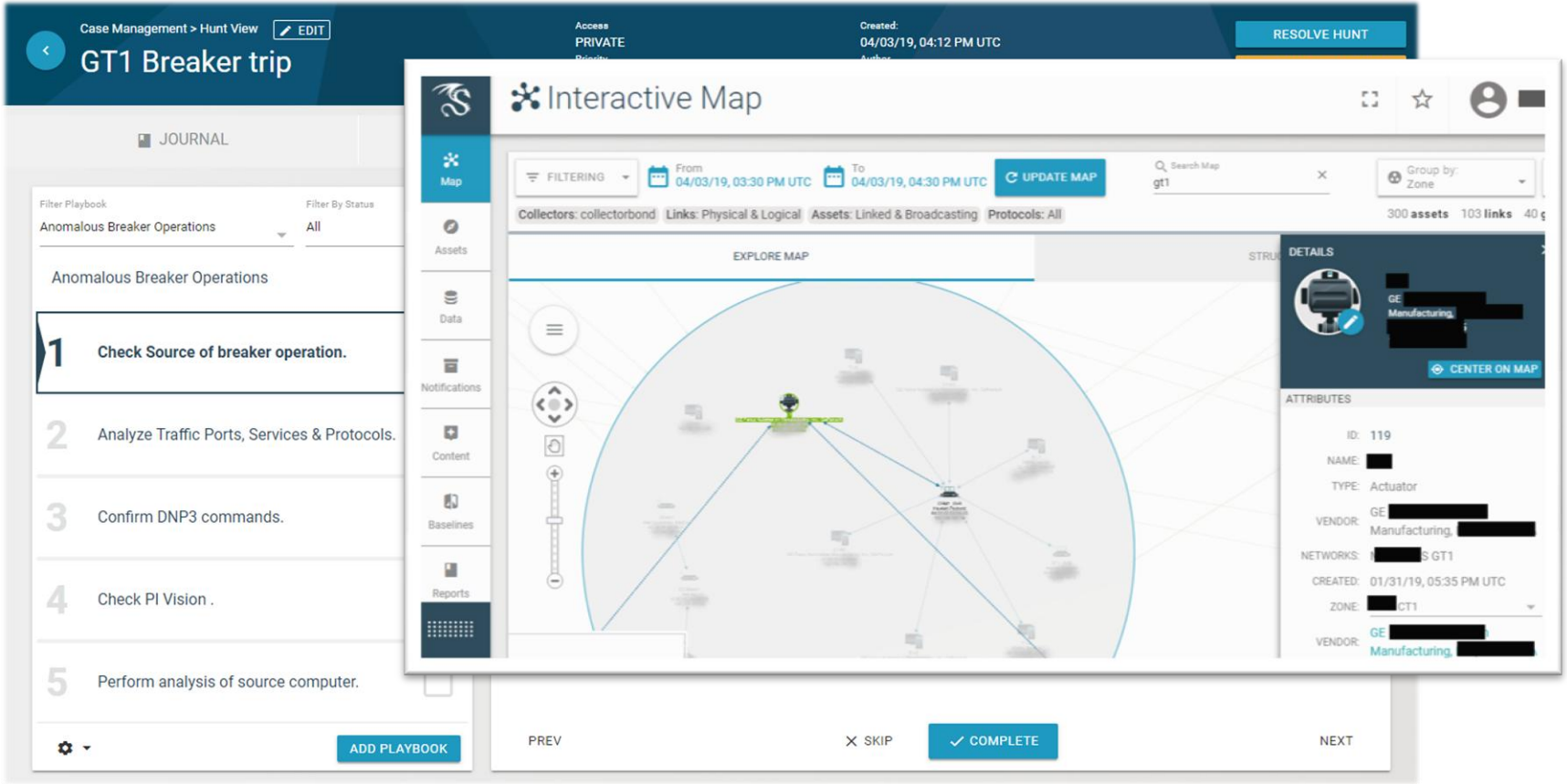
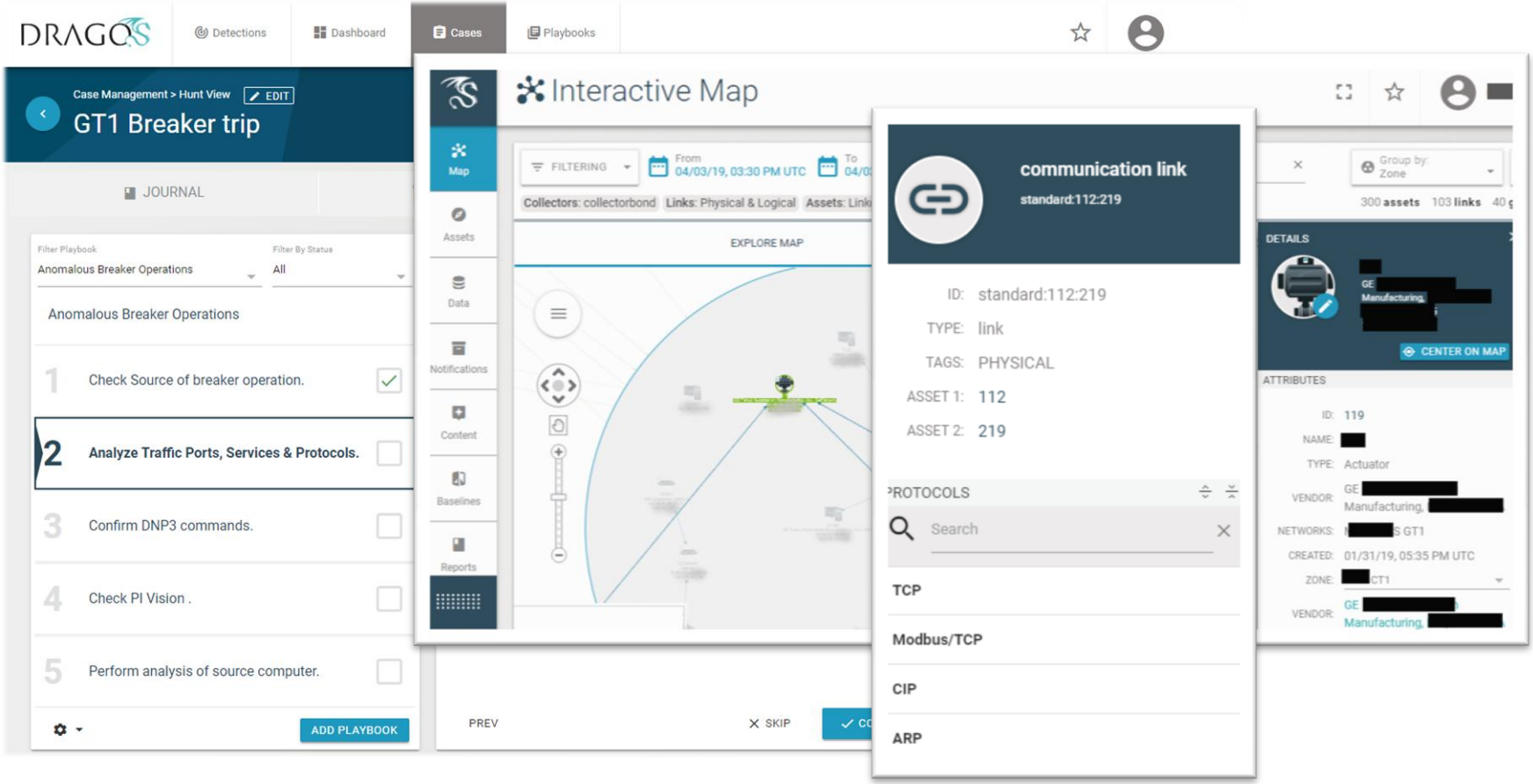
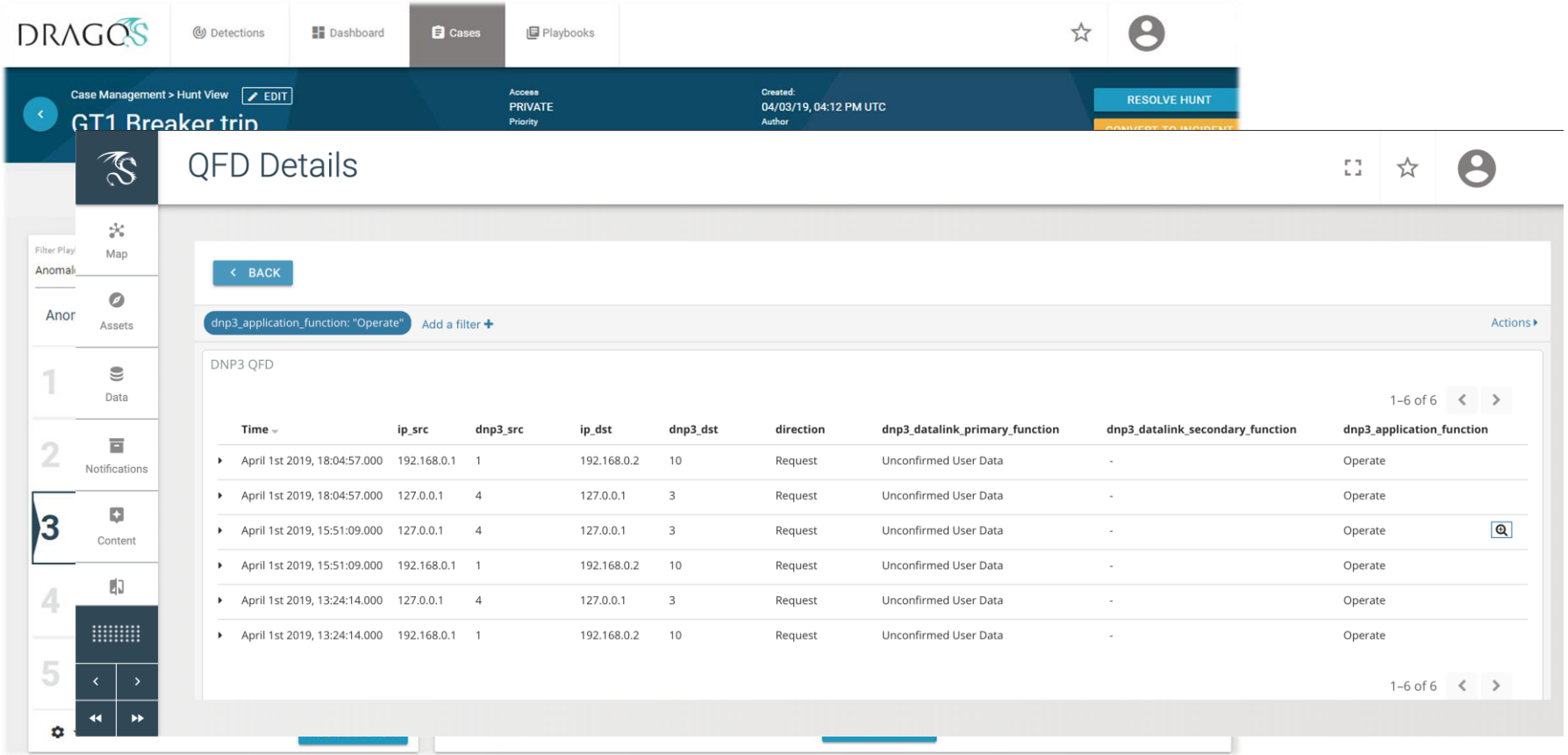


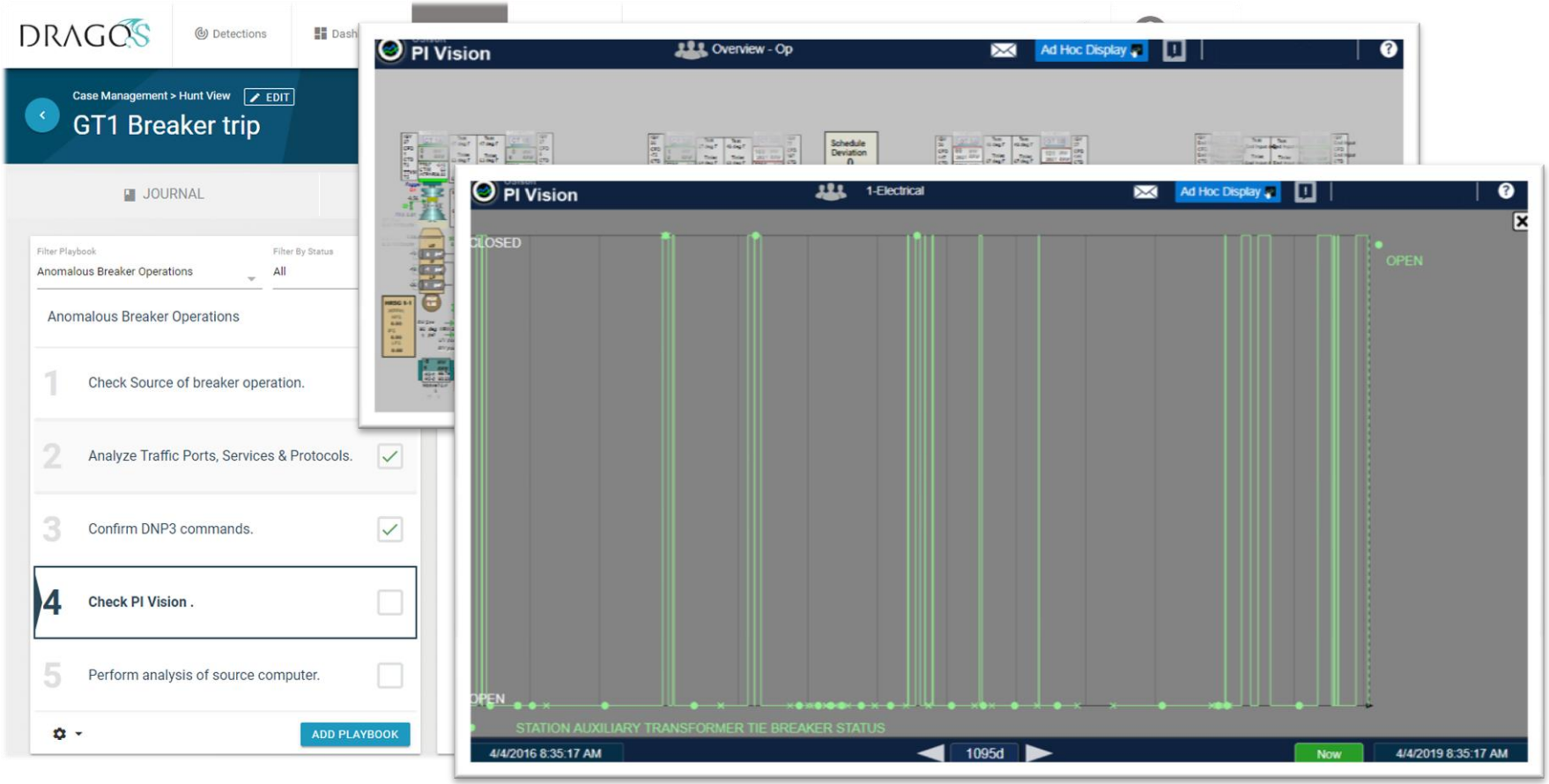


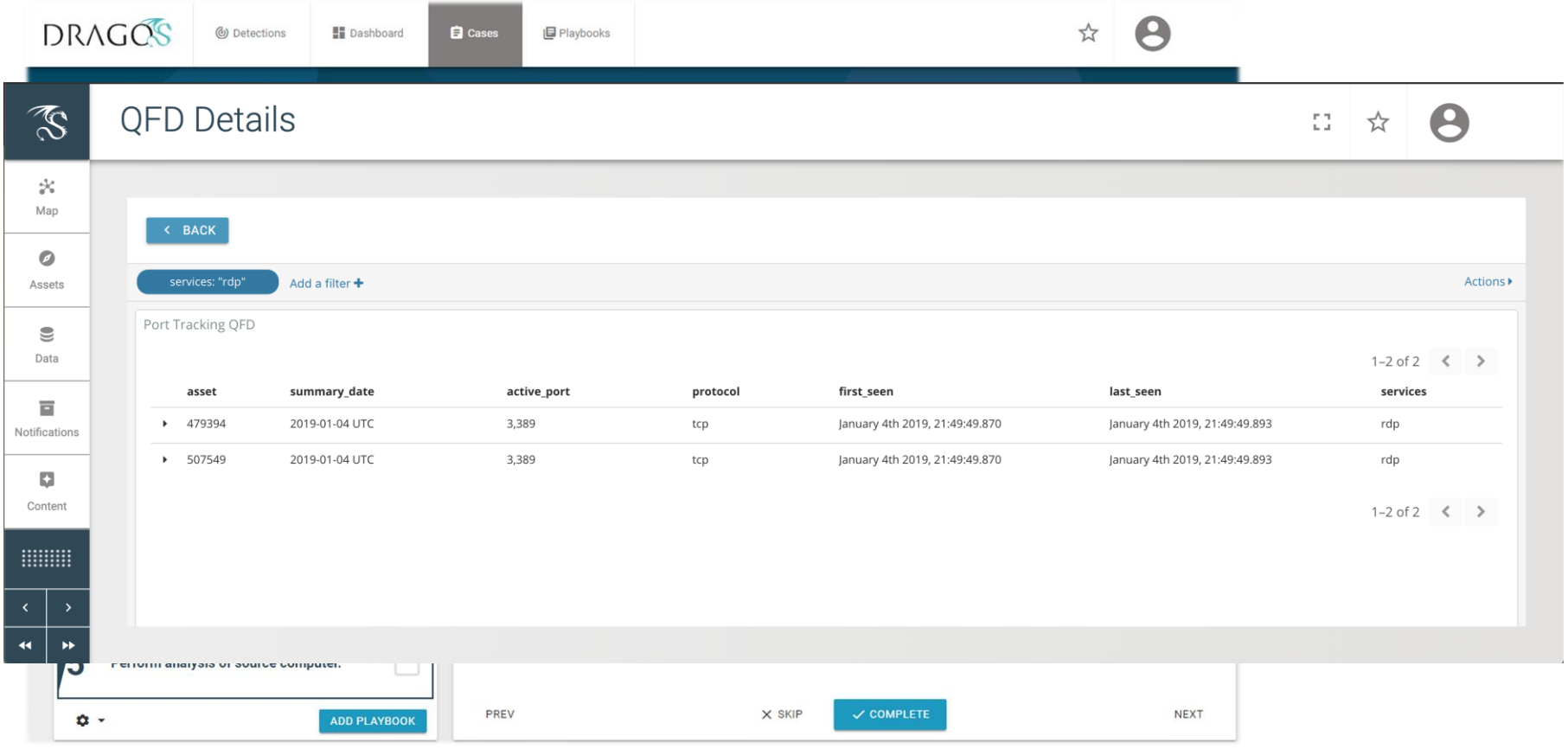
Start Test:
Breaker Trips
Event Frame Sent











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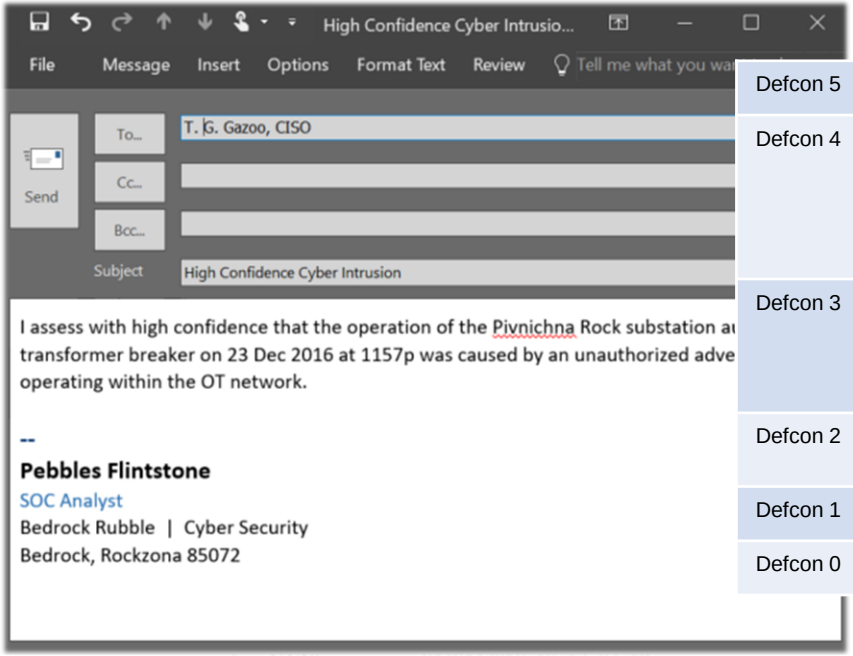

Defcon 5	Normal Operations – all connections active through firewalls
Defcon 4	Add email content filtering Additional web proxy filtering/Only critical web use Reduce remote access to OT zones (vendors or employees) Disable non-critical external access Increase Geo-IP blocking
Defcon 3	Strict email sanitization (reduce use, block attachments, TXT only) Limit remote access to corp Disable remote access to OT zones (vendors or employees) Reduce public internet surface area
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Defcon 0	Go home, hug kids, grab bug-out bag

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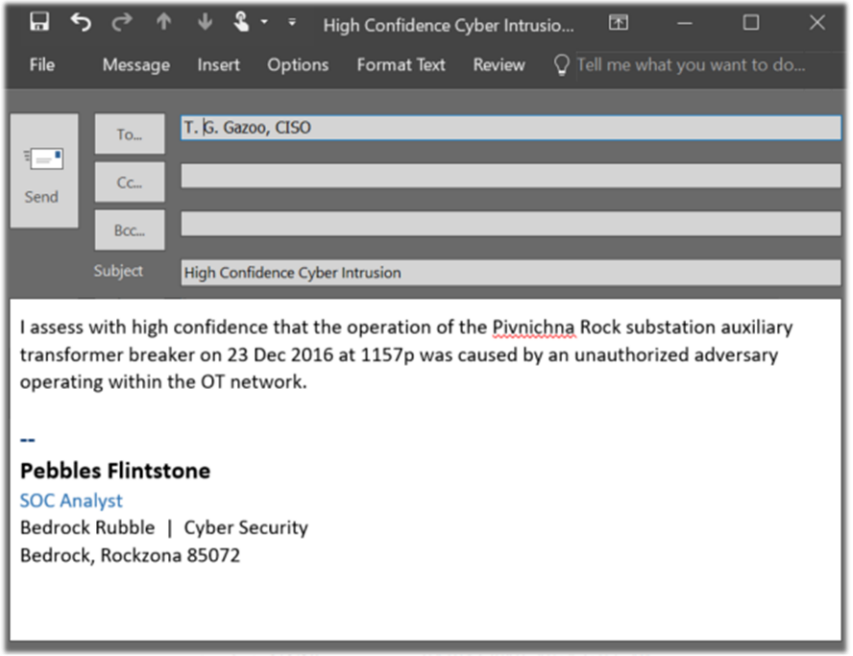

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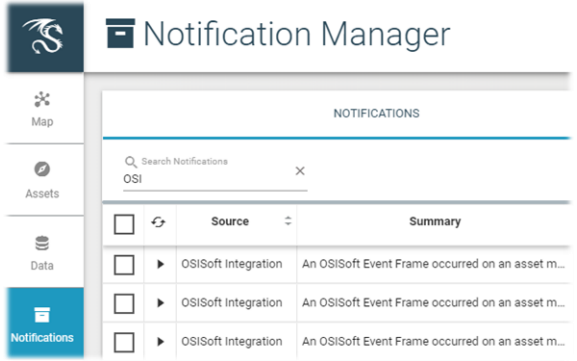

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- Provided data that allowed the analyst to make better assessments

Future Use Cases

Safety	Contract Compliance	Cyber Attack
• Can PI + Dragos identify unauthorized entry into a substation?	• Can PI + Dragos assure outside contractors are operating properly?	• Can PI + Dragos detect abnormal load shedding events from substations, meters, or solar inverters?

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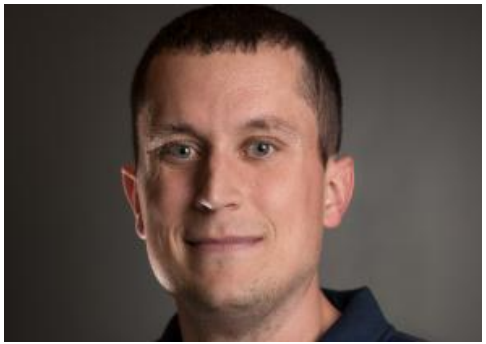

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